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SUBJECT: OIL TANKER OFF LUANDA RELUCTANT TO COME IN

1. PETROLEUM COMPANIES IN LUANDA WILL RUN OUT OF GASOLINE TOMORROW. A MOBIL-OWNED TANKER, THE MOBIL REFINER, IS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN LOBITO AND LUANDA, BUT REFUSES TO ANSWER RADIO CALLS. OIL COMPANY OFFICIAL SUSPECT HE HAS HEARD REPORTS OF FIGHTING HERE AND IS NERVOUS ABOUT COMING IN.

2. MOBIL AND THE OTHER PETROLEUM COMPANIES, WHO WILL SHARE IN THE TANKER'S SUPPLY, HAVE TOLD THEIR HOME OFFICES THAT THE SITUATION HERE IS QUIET. A PORTUGUESE NAVY VESSEL WILL ESCORT THE TANKER INTO THE BAY AND STAY WITH IT DURING ITS UNLOADING OPERATIONS. THE PORT AUTHORITY HAS GIVEN PRIORITY TO MOBIL REFINER SO THAT IT CAN BERTH IMMEDIATELY. WHEN THE NAVY WENT OUT LOOKING FOR THE REFINER, WHICH WAS DUE AT 1400 HOURS AUGUST 7, IT WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

3. I CAN VOUCH FOR THE FACT THAT THINGS ARE QUIET HERE AT PRESENT. MPLA THROWS A FEW ROUNDS FROM TIME TO TIME INTO THE FNLA OCCUPIED FORTRESS.

4. IN ORDER TO FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AND TO LEARN WHETHER MOBIL IS IN TOUCH WITH THE REFINER, I WOULD LIKE THE
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DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY TO CALL J.P. GALLAGHER AT MOBIL

INTERNATIONAL IN NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER 212-883-4777 TO GET
A RUNDOWN. THE MOBIL MANAGER SAYS THE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN IN
TOUCH WITH THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY AND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
ARE SATISFIED THE SHIP WILL NOT BE IMPEDED OR THREATENED.

5. PLEASE REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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